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TRAINING IN INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES

1. For quite some time TRS has felt that OSO needed an organized course in investigative techniques applicable to our clandestine operations. As our organization develops, knowledge of specialized counterintelligence and police techniques, many of which have been adopted by various foreign intelligence services for espionage and counterespionage, becomes of increasing importance. The maturity and capabilities of an intelligence service can be judged by the use it makes of highly specialized investigative techniques and equipment. Experienced operations officers in our organization agree that the proper use of investigative techniques can be highly productive in various ways, among them to control our own operations and to monitor foreign intelligence activities. Sound long-range policy demands that we have in our ranks operations officers who possess a reasonable degree of familiarity with investigative techniques in order that their operations may attain the degree of sophistication achieved by other services with whom they must compete and against whom they must in many cases direct their operations.

2. In view of these considerations, TRS is preparing a four-weeks' training course in investigative techniques. A tentative topic outline is attached. We intend to conduct the course in close coordination with COMMO and CDD as well as with qualified operations officers. A number of operations

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officers will also be approached for suggestions before the actual schedule is made up.

3. A few comments regarding the purpose and aims of the course should be made. TRS does not anticipate that operations officers themselves will have to use and be proficient in all investigative techniques as presented in the course. Previous experience in some parts of the world has shown that proficient investigators and technicians can be recruited in the field. The course does not attempt, therefore, to make students expert in all these techniques. (Training aimed at real proficiency would require at least ten to twelve months.) The true aims of the course are:

a. To acquaint operations officers at headquarters and abroad with investigative techniques as they are generally used by counterintelligence and police services throughout the world.

b. To demonstrate the possibilities offered by these techniques not only for greater protection of our operations, but also for their use offensively to monitor foreign intelligence activities.

c. To equip field operations officers with sufficient knowledge of techniques and problems of application to qualify them to select, recruit, direct, and control professional investigators who are to conduct the more complicated phases of investigations (for example, members or ex-members of foreign police departments).

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d. To acquaint operations officers with the various investigative techniques and equipment available, thus enabling them to recognize operational possibilities which could be exploited by applying particular investigative techniques.

4. This course should be given only to selected operations officers with sufficient training, experience and maturity to approach the material with the necessary sophistication. The requirement of experience will result in a constant exchange of operational lessons and ideas between the students, thus allowing us to conduct the course largely on a seminar basis. To qualify for this course, all students should have received Basic Training in technical equipment from COMMO and CDD. Finally, the size of classes should be kept down to six or seven students in order to make the training most effective.

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